

ICEYE US, INC.

**PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT
IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

By this application, ICEYE US, Inc. (“ICEYE US”) seeks Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for a period of sixty (60) days to operate and manage the XR-1 satellite, Call Sign S3067, currently licensed to R2 Space, LLC (“R2”), subject to R2’s oversight and ongoing ultimate control as described more fully below.¹ In addition, ICEYE US seeks to use the remote ground terminals authorized as part of its satellite license to support the XR-1 satellite.

ICEYE US is in negotiations to acquire title to XR-1, the lone satellite operated by R2, after appropriate regulatory approvals have been granted. ICEYE US has filed an application for the assignment of license from R2.

ICEYE US is an established operator of remote sensing satellites pursuant to licenses issued by the FCC and NOAA. The FCC has authorized ICEYE US to launch and operate a constellation of six remote sensing satellites. Call Sign S3082, File No. SAT-LOA-20210212-00021. ICEYE US has launched four of its satellites, and the remaining two satellites are scheduled to be launched in June 2023. On April 4, 2023, ICEYE US filed an application for authority to launch and operate eight additional remote sensing satellites. Call Sign S3165; File No. SAT-LOA-20230404-00070.

Grant of the STA will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by enabling ICEYE US to operate and manage XR-1 subject to R2’s oversight and direction on an interim basis until ICEYE US can acquire title to the satellite pursuant to grant of the pending application to assign the license of XR-1. ICEYE US has in place world class resources to maximize the imaging capabilities and lifetime of the XR-1 satellite to satisfy the immediate requirements of U.S. national security agencies.

At all times that XR-1 is operating under the STA, R2 will retain ultimate responsibility for the operation and control of the satellite and ICEYE US’s operation and management of the satellite will be at the direction, and subject to the control, of R2. Accordingly, R2 will, among other things, retain unfettered access to and use of the satellite, responsibility for and oversight of day-to-day operations, and responsibility for the determination and execution of policy decisions and interactions with the Commission.²

ICEYE US, based in Irvine, California, is a wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary of ICEYE OY, a private company headquartered in Espoo, Finland. ICEYE OY was founded in 2012 to provide satellite-based remote sensing using synthetic aperture radar (“SAR”) from a

¹ R2 Space, Inc. and Meta Aerospace, LLC (“Meta”) filed an application on April 23, 2021 seeking FCC consent, *nunc pro tunc*, for the transfer of control of R2 Space, Inc. to Meta. That application remains pending. File No. SAT-T/C-20210423-00056. After filing the application for transfer of control, R2 Space, Inc. filed an application for special temporary authority for the *pro forma* assignment of the license issued under Call Sign S3067 from the initial licensee, R2 Space, Inc. to R2 Space, LLC, under the same ownership, to reflect the conversion of the licensee entity to a limited liability corporation. File No. SAT-ASG-20220719-00069.

² See *Intermountain Microwave*, 12 F.C.C. 2d 559, 559-60 (1963).

constellation of small satellites in low earth orbit (“LEO”). To date, ICEYE OY has raised \$304 million in private equity funding. ICEYE OY operates a constellation of SAR satellites that provide persistent monitoring capabilities to government and commercial customers. ICEYE OY’s first-of-its-kind system offers global access and rapid dissemination of unclassified, shareable, high resolution imagery.

ICEYE US was founded in 2020 to build, own and operate U.S. licensed satellites. ICEYE US operates its own Mission Control Center in Irvine, CA. ICEYE US provides an efficient and dependable complement to the suite of earth observation tools deployed by the U.S. Government.